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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/813,187	RAVI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Roy K. Potter	2822	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-12 and 23-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1 – 4 and 6 – 8 in the reply filed on 7/29/05 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 8 and 10 – 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamilton et al.

Hamilton et al., U.S. Patent NO. 5,901,037 discloses a closed loop liquid cooling for semiconductor amplifiers. As shown in the prior art Figure 1, an integrated circuit die 12 is located on a cooling device 14 having a plurality of interconnected liquid conducting passages 16. The cooling device 14 is a "silicon or other semiconductor material", as described in column 3, line 43. Figure 2, shows inlet and outlet ports 22 and 24. Beneath cooling device 14, having channels therein, a flat cooling plate 26 closes the channels. Figure 2 shows that the inlet and outlet ports are formed in the cover plate 26. Plate 26 is described as semiconductor material in line 57 of column 3. A pump 28, which circulates coolant, is shown in Figure 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9 and 23 – 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamilton.

In regard to claim 9, Hamilton et al. describes plate 26 as being semiconductor material. Polycrystalline silicon is a well-known semiconductor material and would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

In regard to claims 23 – 30, these claim merely recite that the package of Hamilton et al., described above, is mounted on an IC package which is in turn mounted on a printed circuit board along with input/output interface and a DRAM memory.

Circuit boards with memory devices and interfaces are well known in the art. It would have been obvious to mount the structure of Hamilton et al. in such an assembly as Hamilton describes in the background of the invention that the cooled transistors are incorporated into larger assemblies including components, which do not require liquid cooling.

Allowable Subject Matter

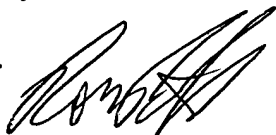
Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art does not teach or suggest that the IC die itself can comprise a cooling plate.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roy K. Potter whose telephone number is 571 272 1842. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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